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SUBJ: AWACS STATIC DEMONSTRATION IN BRUSSELS

1. THE THREE-DAY AWACS STATIC DEMONSTRATION IN BRUSSELS WAS COMPLETED ON 24 APRIL 75 AT APPROXIMATELY 1830. REPORTS RECEIVED THUS FAR HAVE ALL BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE, AND SUGGEST THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WAS UNIVERSALLY WELL RECEIVED BY GUESTS. AMBASSADORS HARTOGH (NETH) AND SVART (DENMARK) SUGGESTED THAT THE AWACS BE DEMONSTRATED IN PLACE IN ALLIED CAPITALS.

COMMENT: WE PASS THIS ON AS AN INDICATION OF THE INTEREST IN AWACS, NOT AS A RECOMMENDATION, BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COST AND SCHEDULE. END COMMENT.

MISSION BELIEVES STATIC DEMONSTRATION WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ACHIEVED MAXIMUM AWACS EXPOSURE AMONG HIGH, MEDIUM AND WORKING LEVEL NATO AND ALLIED PERSONNEL FOR THE SHORT PERIOD

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OF TIME AVAILABLE.

2. 196 GUESTS ATTENDED THE STATIC DEMONSTRATION DURING 23 PERIODS. ATTENDANCE CAN BE ROUGHLY CATEGORIZED AS FOLLOWS:

SYG LUNS AND DEPUTY SYG PANSA
ALL 15 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
11 MILREPS, 4 DEPUTY MILREPS, AND THE CHIEF OF THE FRENCH
MILITARY MISSION
44 ATTENDEES AT THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENT
DIRECTORS (CNAD)
36 VISITORS FROM SHAPE AND SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER
29 MEMBERS OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF, INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY STAFF AND NATO AGENCIES
54 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO NATO OR VISITORS
FROM THEIR CAPITALS (NOT COUNTING CNAD ATTENDEES).

3. MISSION WISHES TO EXTEND ITS APPRECIATION TO GENERALS
ALLEN, SKANTZE AND ALL THE USAF, USAF AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL
ON THE JOINT AWACS EUROPEAN TASK FORCE WHO PUT IN EXTRA LONG
HOURS OF INTENSE EFFORT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE
LARGE NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATION VISITORS. THEIR EFFORTS AND THE
HIGH QUALITY OF THE DEMONSTRATION HAVE CERTAINLY HELPED TO
FURTHER THE PROSPECTS FOR A NATO AWACS. BRUCE

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